

Who Art Thou, Lord?

➤ *Lesson:*

John 1:1-3

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2 The same was in the beginning with God.

3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

John 1:14

And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

Saul of Tarsus was a young man. He had been educated in the best schools of that day. He had been taught that there was only one God and His name was Yeshua. He considered any idea that God would be like man, to be an insult against his God, and would be worthy of death.

One day a young man named Stephen began to preach about a man named Jesus. There were those that got together and began to plot against Stephen. They began to start a riot against Stephen. As Stephen was preaching about Jesus, this group of angry people grabbed him and dragged him before the council that acted as judges in the city. They began to lie about Stephen and say that he had told people that this Jesus he was preaching about was going to destroy the temple and change the customs of Moses.

Stephen was so lost in the Spirit of God that being assailed by that angry mob, and having been dragged before the court, and lied about, he began to glow like an angel.

What would you do if you were attacked by an angry mob, dragged before a court, put on trial for your life, and people lied about you?

Act 6:15

And all that sat in the council, looking stedfastly on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

Then Stephen begins to preach to his accusers. His preaching made them so mad that they began to attack him again, actually biting him with their teeth.

How would you respond if people were so mad at you that they were biting you?

Act 7:55-56

55 But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God,

56 And said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. Then, they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him with stones!

Stephen has a vision while this is happening. He sees the glory of God. And He sees Jesus standing on the right hand of God.

Have you ever had a vision like that?

Some people would say that Jesus must be the second person in the godhead because Stephen saw Jesus standing on the right hand of God. But in that day the right hand represented “the place of power.” So he actually saw Jesus in the midst of the Glory and presence of God.

While Stephen is having this awesome vision, he is drug out of the city and stoned. While they did that, they would take off their outer garments because they didn’t want to get them dirty, and they laid them at the feet of this young scholar by the name of Saul.

Stephen knew that he is dying so what does he do?

Act 7:59

And they stoned Stephen, calling upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.

Stephen knew that the Jesus that he preached, and the Jesus that he had just seen standing on the right hand of God was God. In this very serious moment when he knew he was going to die, he wants God to receive his spirit, and he calls upon Jesus his Lord. When he calls Jesus Lord, he is calling him God.

Saul saw all of this happen. He saw Stephen’s face look like an angel’s face. He had never seen that before. He heard Stephen call Jesus God at this very serious time, and it had an impact on him. He got so riled up that he thought he would cause the followers of Jesus even more trouble.

Act 8:3-4

3 As for Saul, he made havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison.

4 Therefore they that were scattered abroad went every where preaching the word.

The word *havoc* means: to soil, insult and maltreat.

Saul was really tearing up the church in Jerusalem, so that the whole church had to flee Jerusalem. And when they did, they went everywhere preaching Jesus. This got Saul even more stirred up. He probably thought his attack would get them to shut up and keep quiet, but it just made them tell more people about Jesus. So Saul wanted to go to Damascus and attack them there.

Act 9:1-2

1 And Saul, yet breathing out threatenings and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest,

2 And desired of him letters to Damascus to the synagogues, that if he found any of this way, whether they were men or women, he might bring them bound unto Jerusalem.

Saul was determined to destroy this so-called church of false doctrine!

But if God be for you, who can be against you! On the way to Damascus something Saul never imagined would happen, happened!

Act 9:3-4

3 And as he journeyed, he came near Damascus: and suddenly there shined round about him a light from heaven:

4 And he fell to the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me?

Saul was overwhelmed! He was blinded by the light. He heard a voice asking him why he was persecuting Him. Saul knew that voice was God! And so he asked the big question that had been troubling him.

Act 9:5

And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: it is hard for thee to kick against the pricks.

So, the God Saul was fighting against reveals Himself as Jesus to Paul. Those that herded livestock in that day often used sticks as “goads” to get the cattle moving. When they poked the cattle they often would kick against the goad which was a way of saying they didn’t want to move. God is saying that He has been goading Saul to get him to see the truth but Saul has been resisting it. But now Saul does get a revelation. This Jesus that he had been fighting against is really the one true God!

So Jesus was talking to His disciples about His Father. The disciples are having a hard time figuring out what He is saying. Then Jesus said that if they knew the Father they knew Him and that they knew this Father and had seen this Father. Philip couldn’t handle it, and said “show us this Father you are always talking about”.

Jesus said, “Philip I’ve been with you all this time and yet you haven’t figured it out? If you have seen me you have seen the Father because He dwells in me and I dwell in Him. We are one and the same Philip. I do miracles that only God can do, and yet you don’t believe that I am God the Father?”

John 14:1-11

1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

2 In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

4 And whither I go ye know, and the way ye know.

5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?

6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

7 If ye had known me, ye should have known my Father also: and from henceforth ye know him, and have seen him.

8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, shew us the Father, and it sufficeth us.

9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and yet hast thou not known me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; and how sayest thou then, Shew us the Father?

10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

Do you believe that Jesus was in the Father and that the Father was in Jesus? Because Jesus didn't say that He was the second person in a triune Godhead. He didn't say God sent me, His son and so I, Jesus, am God the Son in the flesh. He says I, Jesus, am God the Father in the flesh.

Do you think that knowing that Jesus is God in the flesh is an awesome revelation?

Look at what Paul wrote in Ephesians

Ephesians 4:4-6

4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling;

5 One Lord, one faith, one baptism,

6 One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

Are you kidding Paul? There is only one Spirit? Not three? And there is only One God and Father that is in us? I thought it was the Holy Ghost that dwelt in us and that the Holy Ghost was a separate person from God the Father and God the Son. But there is only one Spirit. That Spirit was God the Father that dwelt in Jesus and that same Spirit dwells in us when we receive the Holy Ghost.

Look what Romans says.

Romans 8:11

But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Who raised Jesus up after He died?

John 2:19

Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.

So, if Jesus raised himself up and the Spirit that raised Jesus up is the Holy Ghost that you received when you spoke in tongues then Jesus must be the Holy Ghost, Christ in you.

Isn't that awesome! You don't just have a part of God dwelling in you, but you have the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead, dwelling in you.

Jesus says to the Jews that He and the Father are one. The Jews understood what He meant. They didn't think He meant one in unity. They understood that the man Jesus was saying that He was God. Jesus got it right when He said that He is the Son of God. But He did not say that He was God the son. There is a big difference between Him saying that He is God the son who was a separate person from the father and Him saying that He is the Son of God which is God in the flesh, born of the Virgin Mary.

John 10:30-36

30 I and my Father are one.

31 Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him.

32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

33 The Jews answered him, saying, For a good work we stone thee not; but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself God.

34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods?

35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken;

36 Say ye of him, whom the Father hath sanctified, and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, I am the Son of God?

1 Timothy 3:16

And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness: God was manifest (to render apparent) in the flesh, justified in the Spirit, seen of angels, preached unto the Gentiles, believed on in the world, received up into glory.

A mystery, as used in the Bible, is talking about something the Church understands that the world doesn't understand. This is not just a little thing. It is a Great thing! One of the greatest revelations that you can receive from God is that there is one God, and that one God was made visible in the body of Jesus Christ.

You should love so much the knowledge that God has given you. It should make you excited. It should cause you to rejoice!

➤ **Song:**

GOD IS GOD

*I know God is God, and God don't ever change,
I know God is God and Jesus is His name!*

He's God on the platform, He's God back at the door,
He's God in the amen corner, He's God all over the floor.

He's God when the lightning flashes, He's God when the thunder rolls,
He's God way up in heaven; He's God way down in my soul.

He's God on the ocean, He's God on the Sea,
He's God all over creation, He's God all over me.

He's God in the Father, He's God in the Son,
He's God in the Holy Ghost, All these three are one!

He was God at the river of Jordan, He was God when Adam fell,
He's God way up in heaven, He's God that saves from hell.

You can search your Bible; you can search it through and through
All you'll find is one God; you won't find the other two

They call me Holy Roller; all time makin fun
But they just need the Holy Ghost, and speak in other tongues

He's God in me; He's God in you
So get out there and tell someone that they need God too

*I know God is God, and God don't ever change,
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